

12 May 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Cyrus R. Vance
Deputy Secretary of Defense
Department of Defense

SUBJECT: Lt. Colonel Alexander H. Haig, USA

1. I am advised that Lieutenant Colonel Alexander H. Haig, USA, currently on duty with the Special Assistant to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense, has been selected to attend the Army War College.

2. Please give my personal congratulations to Colonel Haig upon this recognition. The several senior staff officers here who have been associated closely with him in sensitive and difficult endeavors of common cause join wholeheartedly in offering best wishes for success in his upcoming assignment.

3. Colonel Haig has displayed outstanding talent and unre-served commitment to serving his country in connection with operations we have developed together. He has a dedication to seeing operations succeed, an unusual perceptivity and skill in bringing about needed actions, and a special ability to deliver under pressure. His resourcefulness, sound judgment, tact and warm personality have been a major factor in smooth team work and positive actions. His potential for a significant role in the future leadership of his chosen service, the United States Army, is evident.

4. Your thoughtfulness in making Colonel Haig available to work on matters of mutual interest has been appreciated, and I trust that this commendation will be made a part of his official record.

//s// Richard Helms
Richard Helms
Deputy Director

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